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The Branding Iron is the mellifluous name of the paper started at Atoka by the Roberts Brothers, of the Indian Journal. It is, seemingly, the old Journal outfit with a new name. Being the official organ of the Choctaw Nation, and published in the southern part of the Territory, where there is no paper, it ought to be able to furnish a large share of interesting news. The Choctaw wishes all legitimate enterprises of the kind all the success they may merit and achieve.

The Cherokee Amity.

The following dispatch to the *Globe-Democrat* shows that, so far, the charges of Boudinot respecting the \$22,500 paid out of the \$300,000 fund appropriated for the Cherokee at the last session of Congress, which have been so pompously paraded against Col. Phillips, Chief Bushyhead and the Cherokee delegation, have not been sustained. But few have ever supposed that they would be, or that the movement was for any other purpose than to strike a blow at the Cherokee Nation and its friends, and possibly reap the reward of the informer, or the prosecutor as he is called in this case, which would be half of the sum above stated, or \$11,250.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—E. C. Boudinot has failed in sustaining his charges against Wm. A. Phillips, who received \$22,500 from the Cherokee Indians for procuring for them an annuity of \$300,000. The correspondence on the subject is quite lengthy, and dates back to Dec. 9, 1883, when W. H. H. Clark, United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, addressed the Attorney General, enclosing a letter received by him from Col. Boudinot. After reviewing the charge Mr. Clark says: "The contract by which Phillips was to receive the \$22,500 was not approved, as provided by section 2105 of the Revised Statutes, which provides for a civil action, one half to go to the party prosecuting. Under this section Col. Boudinot has brought suit in the District Court for the Western District of Arkansas. I suggest if it meets with your approval that the commencement of the criminal action be postponed until the civil action already brought develops the truth of the charge." Section 2105 makes such a contract on the part of Phillips a misdemeanor, punishable with fine and imprisonment. Mr. Clark also asked that the matter be laid before the Secretary of the Interior.

SECRETARY TELLER'S RESPONSE.
The matter was then referred by the Attorney General to Secretary Teller, who, in response, quotes the act "that the sum of \$300,000 is hereby appropriated to be paid into the treasury of the Cherokee Nation out of the funds due under appropriation for Cherokee lands west of the Arkansas River, which sums shall be expended as the acts of the Cherokee Legislature direct. This amount to be immediately available provided that the Cherokee Nation, through its proper authorities, shall execute conveyances satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior of the United States, in trust only, for the benefit of the Pawnee, Ponca, Nez Perce, Otoe and Missouri and Osage, now occupying said tract, and that they respectively occupy the same, before the payment of said money. On the 14th of June last, under the provision of said act, deeds were duly executed by the Cherokee Nation to the United States in trust for the several tribes as hereinafter stated, and thereupon a requisition was drawn on the Secretary of the Treasury for the amount to be paid in favor of the Treasurer of said nation. I understand that the money was paid by warrant on the Assistant United States Treasurer at St. Louis. The Interior Department was not charged with the distribution of this money, and can have no control over it. I do not know whether any portion of it was paid to Mr. Phillips or not. The act making the appropriation declares it shall be expended as the act of the Cherokee Legislature directs. I can't see under this provision how the Treasurer of the Nation can settle his accounts for the money paid out, unless he has paid the same by authority of the Legislature of the Nation."

THE CHARGE SWORN TO.
Col. Boudinot then made the charge, duly sworn to, to the Attorney General, who again addressed the Secretary of the Interior, stating that the "specific violation of the statute consists in Mr. Phillips having entered into a contract with certain Indians, not citizens, for the payment to him of a certain sum of money, without your approval, and that Phillips has since received under the contract from the Indians \$22,500," and then asked if the contract had been approved. Secretary Teller replied: "I understand Mr. Phillips alleges that he never made such a contract, and there is nothing in the Interior Department to show that such a contract was made. If such a contract was made it was not approved, as required by law." The Attorney General closed in a letter to Col. Boudinot, in which he says: "I understand that Mr. Phillips denies the fact of the contract. While I agree with you that it is incumbent upon the United States Attorney to prosecute upon application, I do not think it his duty to do so, after an investigation, he is satisfied that the charge is not well founded."

Cherokee Antiquities.

(We propose to give from one to two columns per week, for a while, to this subject. Every one who knows any facts of the ancient history of the Cherokee, or any of the tribes in the Indian Territory are requested to furnish them for this column.)

The Buttrick Collection, 1822.

Another aged Cherokee, the Otter, gives a brief account of the creation, as handed down by the old men, in substance as follows: Two great beings, the Father and the Son, created all things. They took clay and fashioned two persons in their image, except that one was a woman. They then gave them life. They also formed a garden in which were all kinds of fruits, but forbade the man and woman taking any fruit from that garden, or seed to plant. The newly-created pair settled out in the country and multiplied. At length the Son came down and found they had stolen fruit from the garden, in violation of the command of their creator, and had it growing through the country. He returned and told the Father what great wickedness had been committed. But, notwithstanding this wickedness, it was resolved not to destroy the people, but to give them further instruction and warning. They still, however, increased in wickedness, till the Lord brought a flood upon the earth, and then left it. Before leaving it, however, he taught the people how to pray to Him above, every morning about daybreak, so that all must pray to the creator every morning.

The soul of the first man was given by the breath of God. He blew into the man and the woman, and this gave them breath, and soul, and heart, and inward. The soul of the infant comes with the first breath, which happens, they suppose before birth, as soon as the infant manifests life. The soul lives forever. KOTIKKI.

God gave the red man a book and paper, and told him to write, but he merely made marks on the paper, and as he could not read or write, the Lord gave him a bow and arrows, and gave the book to the white man.

A great while ago a part of the world was burned, though it is not known now how, or by whom, but it is said that other land was formed by washing in from the mountains. KOTIKKI.

Mr. Boudinot, speaking of the Indians, says: "It is said among their principal or 'beloved' men, that they have it handed down from their ancestors, that the book which the white people have, was once theirs; that, when they had it, they prospered exceedingly; but that the white people bought it of them, and learned many things from it; while the Indians lost credit, offended the Great Spirit and suffered exceedingly from the neighboring nations; that the Great Spirit took pity on them, and directed them to this country; that on their way they came to a great river, which they could not pass, where God dried up the waters, and they passed over dry-shod.

They also say that their fathers were possessed of an extraordinary divine spirit, by which they foretold future, and controlled the common course of nature, and this they transmitted to their offspring, on condition of their obeying the same laws; that they did, by these means, bring down showers of plenty on the beloved people. But this power, for a long time past, has entirely ceased."—(Star in the West.)

Aqua-ha-ye (Abraham) was the greatest among their ancestors, but this is all that can be told of him. When our scholars, David Brown, John Tub, &c., first began to translate the scriptures, they expressed Abraham in Cherokee by Aqua-ha-mi, though the letter "m" is not congenial to the Cherokee language nor found at all in the mountain dialect which is evidently the most ancient. But the name Aquahaye, as known only by the antiquarians, flows easily from every Cherokee tongue.

The next man of greatest note among their early ancestors, was by the name of Wasi (Moses). He was the greatest prophet, and told them of things past, relative to the creation of the world, the history of mankind, and also told them things to come. He directed them how to consecrate their priests, how and when to celebrate their feasts, and how to attend to all their religious ceremonies, and charged them to observe all he had commanded them forever. NUTSAWI.

Notice to Contractors.

By authority of law entitled "An Act Making an Appropriation to Build Court Houses in the several Districts of the Nation," we, the undersigned committee will let, to the lowest bidder, on Saturday, the 22nd day of March, 1884, the contract to build a court house in Coatesworth District, near the old court house in this town. No bids received over One Thousand Dollars. The person taking the contract will be required to give bond and security for a complete and faithful fulfillment of the

contract. House to be completed by the first Monday in May, 1884. The committee have the right to reject any and all bids. The house shall be of the following dimensions and specifications: of wood or stone, to wit: Twenty-one feet in width, by thirty-three feet in length, two stories high, with walls sixteen feet. One room in the lower story, and four rooms in the second story, connected by a flight of stairs from the inside. To be furnished inside of ceiling with raised platform, jury box and bar, with two doors below, and one door to each room above; with eight windows, eight lights 10x16 each, above and below, and the whole painted, inside and out, with lead and oil, and covered with first-class shingles.

Further Specifications.—If of wood, to have a good stone foundation laid in mortar, 18 inches below the surface of ground and six inches above, 15 inches thick. Post oak sills, squaring 8x10 inches, hemmed on four sides; mortised, tenoned on four sides. Studding 2x6, 16 feet long, mortised together and tenoned in sills; double braced with 2x6 scantling on top, braced on inside with yellow pine boards 1x6, notched in studding and sills. Lower joists 2x10, 20 inches from center to center, supported in center by dry stone piers and one row of bridging on each side. All floors to be best yellow pine, dressed, tongued and grooved, six inches wide, one inch thick; two doors for first story 2ft 10in. by 6ft. 10in. 1-1/2 inches thick; four doors for second story, 2ft. 8in. x 6ft. 8in., and 1-1/4 in. thick. All windows to be good lip sash, with weights and locks. All door and window sills to be of good 2x8 yellow pine. Doors to be hung with 3-1/2x3-1/2 loose pin butts. Lower doors to be fastened with heavy mortise locks, upper doors with best rim locks. Lower story to be nine feet clear, with four feet wainscoting and a top piece with moulding under it; the balance of the wall lathed and plastered—two coats with hard finish; ceiling overhead with best 5-8 inch ceiling. Second floor joists 2x10, (resting on 1x6 yellow pine boards, notched and spiked to studding) placed 16 inches from center to center; two rows of bridging. Second floor divided into four rooms, one doorway, opening into hall. First floor—two coats with hard finish; sides and overhead also, with 3 inch base-board at bottom; stairway to be placed as committee may direct, made 4 feet wide, of best yellow pine, two inches thick. Second story 8 feet clear; collar beams 2x6; hip roofed, 3-4 pitch; platform 4x12 feet on top, covered with tin, with trap-door and stairway leading to second floor below; rafters 2x4, except hip rafters, which are to be 2x6; sheathed with one-inch boards, covered with Star A Star shingles, 4-1/2 inches to the weather. Eight dormer windows with valleys tinned.

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If of stone, the walls to commence underground as deep as may be necessary, two feet thick to second story floor; eighteen inches thick from there to top. Stone work dressed on outside; cemented with good mortar; solid caps and sills for doors and windows; walls bound every three feet; 2x4 studding built into walls, to lath and plaster on. Wood-work the same as in the plan for frame house.

Sealed proposals received at Oowala P. O., by John A. Foreman, or may be handed to either one of the committee within the next 30 days. All securities furnished must be citizens of the Nation. (Signed) JOHN A. FOREMAN, D. Judge, JESSE COCHRAN, Sheriff, JAMES KEYS, Solicitor.

NOTICE

New Court House in Tahlequah District.

By authority of law entitled "An Act Making an Appropriation to Build Court Houses in the several Districts of the Nation," the undersigned committee will let, to the lowest bidder, after advertising 30 days in the Cherokee Advocate and Indian Chieftain newspapers, the contract to build a court house in Tahlequah District, of the following dimensions and specifications, as set forth in said act, to wit: Twenty-one feet in width, by thirty-three feet in length, two stories high, with wall sixteen feet. One room in the lower story and four rooms in the second story, connected by a flight of stairs from the inside of the ceiling, with raised platform and jury box and bar—with two doors below and one door to each room above—with eight windows, eight lights, ten by sixteen each, above and below, and the whole painted, inside and out, with lead and oil, and covered with first class shingles. That the doors be four panels each, and an inch and a quarter thick, and the lower windows with shutters on the outside. The court house is to be completed by the first Monday in May next. Parties to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give bond and security for the complete and faithful fulfillment of the contract. No bids received over One Thousand Dollars. Parties desiring information will be responded to by addressing Wilson Hair, Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.

WILSON HAIR, Judge, DANIEL GRUBBS, Solicitor, AARON TERRELL, Sheriff, Building Committee. TAHLEQUAH, C. N., Feb. 24, 1884.

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